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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application
 For (Title): ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS
 PROVIDED WITH ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Osamu TANITSU, Masato SHIBUYA, Mitsunori TOYODA

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-30B; 30 sheets) are attached.
 - ☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☒ This patent application is assigned to NIKON CORPORATION.
 - ☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____--
- ☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-363225 filed November 29, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2001-074240 filed March 15, 2001 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- ☐ ☒ Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.
- ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 370
x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
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x 18	\$ 486
x 84	\$ 168
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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of references 1, 4 and 8 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 6 and 7 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language reference 1 corresponds to non-English language reference 8.

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	2	3,748,019	07/24/1973	Bestenreiner et al.			
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	8	JP A 2001-174615	06/29/2001	Japan			
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